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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Edward H. Sargent

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

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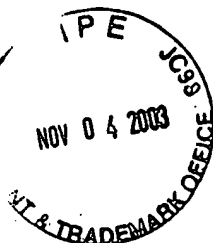
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